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**SERIES: LUKE: THE SON OF MAN, THE SAVIOR  
HAS COME, WEEK 36**

**TITLE: ALL THE KING'S MEN, PART IV**

**TEXT: LUKE 6:14C**

**INTRODUCTION: (1) THE STORY IS TOLD THAT  
MANY MANY YEARS AGO, THERE WAS A GREAT  
CONCERT VIOLINIST WHO WANTED TO  
DEMONSTRATE A VERY IMPORTANT POINT.**

**\* TO MAKE HIS POINT HE RENTED A MUSIC HALL  
AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD PLAY A  
CONCERT ON A \$20,000 VIOLIN.**

**\*\* ON THE NIGHT OF THE CONCERT THE PLACE  
WAS PACKED WITH VIOLIN LOVERS, CURIOUS TO  
HEAR SUCH AN EXPENSIVE INSTRUMENT  
PLAYED.**

\*\*\* THE VIOLINIST CAME OUT ON STAGE AND GAVE AN EXQUISITE PERFORMANCE. WHEN HE WAS DONE, HE BOWED AND TOOK THEIR APPLAUSE, BUT SUDDENLY, HE THREW THE VIOLIN TO THE GROUND, STOMPED IT TO PIECES, AND WALKED OFF STAGE.

\*\*\*\* THE PEOPLE WERE HORRIFIED. THE STAGE MANAGER THEN CAME OUT AND SAID, "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO PUT YOU AT EASE, THE VIOLIN THAT WAS JUST DESTROYED WAS ONLY A \$20 VIOLIN (PROBABLY A \$200-\$500 VIOLIN IN OUR DAY, A CHEAP ONE).

(2) THE STAGE MANAGER THEN SAID, HE WILL NOW RETURN TO PLAY ON THE \$20,000 INSTRUMENT (AND WHAT IT WOULD PROBABLY COST IN OUR DAY, I HAVE NO IDEA).

\* HE THEN PLAYED THE EXPENSIVE VIOLIN AND FEW PEOPLE COULD TELL THE DIFFERENCE, PROBABLY ONLY THOSE WITH TRAINED EARS.

\*\* NOW THE POINT THAT HE WANTED TO MAKE

WAS WELL ILLUSTRATED, AND THE POINT IS THIS: IT ISN'T THE VIOLIN THAT MAKES THE MUSIC, IT'S THE VIOLINIST.

\*\*\* NOW FOLKS MOST OF US ARE \$20 VIOLINS AT BEST, BUT IN THE MASTER'S HANDS WE CAN MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC.

\*\*\*\* AND IN THE SAME WAY, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TOOK 12 ORDINARY MEN THAT DIDN'T HAVE GREAT WORTH AS FAR AS THE WORLD WAS CONCERNED, \$20 VIOLINS.

(3) BUT THOSE MEN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JUDAS ISCARIOT, IN THE HANDS OF THEIR MASTER, THE CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF THE WORLD, JESUS CHRIST, WERE INSTRUMENTS USED BY HIM TO PERFORM THE GREAT TASK OF LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR HIS CHURCH.

\* BELOVED THE APOSTLES WERE ORDINARY MEN. AND AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THE ONLY ONE

WHO WAS MATERIALLY PROSPEROUS WAS MATTHEW, WHO GAINED HIS WEALTH BY LEGALLY BUT UNETHICALLY EXTORTING TAXES FOR ROME.

\*\* NONE OF THE 12 WERE HIGHLY EDUCATED OR HAD PROMINENT SOCIAL, POLITICAL OR RELIGIOUS STATUS.

\*\*\* ALL OF THEM HAD MAJOR FAULTS AND DEFICIENCIES; THEY WERE IN REALITY \$20 VIOLINS.

\*\*\*\* YET, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A TASK IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD EQUAL TO THAT OF THOSE COMMON MEN WHOM THE LORD CHOSE TO BE HIS FIRST AGENTS OF MINISTRY IN SETTING IN MOTION THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH.

(4) THEY HAD THE MONUMENTAL ASSIGNMENT OF FINISHING THE FOUNDATION WORK OF THE CHURCH THAT THE LORD HIMSELF HAD BEGUN.

\* SO WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE DOES GOD USE? UNLIKELY, ORDINARY, PLAIN, \$20 VIOLINS. AND WHEN HE DOES, HE GETS ALL THE GLORY. BECAUSE PEOPLE MARVEL AT US BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN WITH JESUS, QUOTE ACTS 4:13. (AND THE VIRTUOSO NOT THE VIOLIN GETS THE CREDIT)

\*\* NOW UP TO THIS POINT IN OUR STUDY OF ALL KING'S MEN, OF THE 12, WE'VE LOOKED AT THE FIRST 4 AND HAVE SEEN THAT THEY WERE VERY MUCH LIKE US, PETER, ANDREW, JAMES AND JOHN, THE MOST INTIMATE GROUP OF APOSTLES, THE FIRST GROUP OF 4, THEY WERE MEN OF LIKE NATURE, SUBJECT TO LIKE PASSIONS.

\*\*\* NOW TODAY WE'LL LOOK AT 1 OF THE SECOND GROUP OF 4, BY LOOKING AT PHILIP, AND HIS NAME WILL BE THE ONLY POINT OF OUR OUTLINE TODAY.

\*\*\*\* AND WITHOUT FURTHER INTRODUCTION, LOOK BACK TO LUKE 6:14 WHERE WE'LL LOOK AT THE LEADER OF THE 2'D GROUP OF 4 APOSTLES, PHILIP.

I. PHILIP, (READ LUKE 6:14)

A. NOW THE PHILIP MENTIONED HERE IN LUKE 6:14 IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH PHILIP THE DEACON IN ACTS 6 WHOM LATER BECAME AN EVANGELIST, THE PHILIP IN LUKE 6:14 WAS THE APOSTLE PHILIP NOT THE DEACON PHILIP.

\* AND THE APOSTLE PHILIP, IN ALL THE LISTS OF THE 12 APOSTLES IS ALWAYS MENTIONED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 2'D GROUP OF 4, WHICH SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT HE WAS THE LEADER OF THE 2'D GROUP OF 4 APOSTLES, WHICH INCLUDED BARTHOLOMEW, THOMAS AND MATTHEW.

\*\* SO IT APPEARS THAT PHILIP WAS A LEADER LIKE PETER AND JAMES THE SON OF ALPHEUS.

\*\*\* NOW PHILIP'S HOMETOWN ACCORDING TO JOHN 1:44 WAS THE NORTHERN GALILEE TOWN

OF BETHSAIDA, THE HOMETOWN OF PETER AND ANDREW.

\*\*\*\* AND IT WAS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT PETER, ANDREW AND PHILIP WERE FRIENDS GROWING UP FOR THEY WERE ALL WHAT WE WOULD CALL “GOD FEARING JEWS”, AND IT APPEARS FROM JOHN 21:2&3 THAT PHILIP WAS A FISHERMAN ALSO, LIKE PETER AND ANDREW.

1. NOW THE FIRST 3 GOSPELS DON'T TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT PHILIP, THEY ONLY GIVE HIS NAME. BUT JOHN'S GOSPEL MENTIONS HIM 4 TIMES, GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO KNOW HIM. AND WE'LL LOOK AT THOSE 4 ACCOUNTS TO GET TO KNOW PHILIP, TO GET A PICTURE OF THIS APOSTLE.

\* AND THE FIRST ONE IS FOUND IN JOHN 1:43-46.

\*\* AND JOHN 1:43-46 SAYS:

V. 43 - THE NEXT DAY HE PURPOSED TO GO FORTH INTO GALILEE, AND HE FOUND PHILIP, AND JESUS SAID TO HIM, “FOLLOW ME.”

V. 44 - NOW PHILIP WAS FROM BETHSAIDA, OF THE CITY OF ANDREW AND PETER.

V. 45 - PHILIP FOUND NATHANAEL, AND SAID TO HIM, "WE HAVE FOUND HIM, OF WHOM MOSES IN THE LAW AND ALSO THE PROPHETS WROTE, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE SON OF JOSEPH."

V. 46 - AND NATHANAEL SAID TO HIM, "CAN ANY GOOD THING COME OUT OF NAZARETH?" PHILIP SAID TO HIM, "COME AND SEE."

\*\*\* NOW V. 43 TELLS US THAT JESUS "FOUND" PHILIP AND TOLD PHILIP TO "FOLLOW" HIM, WHICH HE WOULD END UP DOING.

\*\*\*\* AND IN ESSENCE IN THIS TEXT WE SEE THE DIVINE SIDE AND THE HUMAN SIDE OF SALVATION ILLUSTRATED.

\*\*\*\*\* JESUS FOUND PHILIP, V. 43, FOR SALVATION IS ULTIMATELY ON THE SOVEREIGN LORD'S INITIATIVE, AND NO ONE COMES TO CHRIST UNLESS GOD THE FATHER DRAWS HIM, ACCORDING TO JOHN 6:44&65, LUKE 19:10.



- JOHN 6:44 - NO ONE CAN COME TO ME UNLESS THE FATHER WHO SENT ME DRAWS HIM; AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY.

JOHN 6:65 - AND HE WAS SAYING, "FOR THIS REASON I HAVE SAID TO YOU, THAT NO ONE CAN COME TO ME UNLESS IT HAS BEEN GRANTED HIM FROM THE FATHER."

2. BUT ALSO GOD PLANTED THE DESIRE IN PHILIP'S HEART TO FIND THE MESSIAH EVEN BEFORE JESUS CALLED HIM, FOR IT SAYS IN V. 45, "WE HAVE FOUND HIM OF WHOM MOSES IN THE LAW AND ALSO THE PROPHETS WROTE."

\* AND IT APPEARS THAT PHILIP HAD BEEN STUDYING THE O.T. SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE MESSIAH, THAT, THAT WAS SOMETHING FRESH IN HIS MIND, SO THE LORD WAS PREPARING HIS HEART.

\*\* SO FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY, THE LORD FOUND PHILIP, THAT'S THE FIRST CAUSE, THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF

SALVATION, GOD'S CHOICE IS THE DETERMINATIVE ONE.

\*\*\* BUT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, FROM THE HUMAN PERSPECTIVE, PHILIP FOUND THE LORD, V. 45 – WE HAVE FOUND HIM.

\*\*\*\* AND MY ONLY POINT HERE IS TO ILLUSTRATE THAT WHEN WE DECLARE “NO ONE SEEKS AFTER GOD” – ROMANS 3:11, PSALM 14:2 WE ARE SAYING THAT WITHOUT GOD'S DIVINE INTERVENTION AND GRACE, NO ONE SEEKS THE LORD, BUT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT APPEAR TO BE SEARCHING, TO BE SEEKING, AN OPEN DOOR – WE USE THOSE EXPRESSIONS.

3. AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS IT'S BECAUSE THE

LORD IS WORKING ON THE HEART. SO IN ESSENCE CHRIST FOUND PHILIP AND BECAUSE OF THAT PHILIP FOUND CHRIST, QUOTE JOHN 6:37. IN EPHESIANS 1:4 – HE CHOSE US IN CHRIST BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD AND IN EPHESIANS 1:5&6, THE REASON WAS THE KIND INTENTION OF HIS WILL TO THE PRAISE OF THE GLORY OF HIS GRACE.

\* AND THEN IN II THESSALONIANS 2:13 PAUL COMMUNICATES THAT GOD HAS CHOSEN BELIEVERS FROM THE BEGINNING.

\*\* ACTS 13:48 SAYS: “AND AS MANY AS HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED.”

\*\* SO IT ALL STARTS WITH HIM FROM ABOVE, HE IS THE FIRST CAUSE, THE PRIMARY CAUSE IN THE GOLDEN CHAIN OF SALVATION.

\*\*\* TO USE R.C. SPROUL’S WORDS, “WE CHOOSE CHRIST ONLY BECAUSE HE HAS FIRST CHOSEN US.” NOBODY WOULD EVER CHOOSE CHRIST LEFT TO THEMSELVES, SO IT ALL STARTS WITH GOD BECAUSE OF OUR DEPRAVITY.

\*\*\*\* NOW WITH ALL OF THAT SAID, WE SEE A CLEAR EVIDENCE OF GOD'S SOVEREIGN WORK OF GENUINE CONVERSION IN PHILIP'S LIFE THAT FOLLOWS. WHAT IS IT?

\*\*\*\*\* HE TOLD HIS FRIEND NATHANAEL ABOUT CHRIST, V. 45. PHILIP FOUND NATHANAEL AND SAID TO HIM, "WE HAVE FOUND HIM OF WHOM MOSES IN THE LAW AND ALSO THE PROPHETS WROTE", IN OTHER WORDS, WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH.

\*\*\*\*\* AND ONE OF THE CERTAIN MARKS OF GENUINE CONVERSION IS THE DESIRE TO TELL OTHERS OF THE SAVIOR. (ILLUST. MY LIFE).

\*\*\*\* AND LISTEN, THAT DESIRE WANES AT TIMES BECAUSE OF OUR WALK, THE FEAR OF MAN, TAKING THE TIME AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT THERE IS ALWAYS A DESIRE.

- AND IF THERE IS NO DESIRE AT ALL, I WOULD BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT MY SPIRITUAL CONDITION. BUT I MUST MOVE ON TO ANOTHER

ACCOUNT ABOUT PHILIP AND IT IS FOUND IN JOHN 6:5-7.

4. AND BEFORE WE LOOK AT JOHN 6, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT PHILIP HAD SEEN JESUS MAKE WATER INTO WINE IN JOHN 2 FOLLOWING HIS CONVERSION, AS WELL AS MANY OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS OF CHRIST'S SUPERNATURAL POWER.

\* IN FACT, ON THE VERY DAY OF THE EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRE IN JOHN 6, JESUS HEALED MANY WHO WERE SICK.

\*\* NOW ON THE EVENING OF THIS DAY, THE MASSIVE CROWD OF 5,000 MEN PLUS WOMEN AND CHILDREN BEGAN TO GET HUNGRY, AND WITH THAT AS BACKGROUND LOOK AT V. 5 (READ VV. 5-7).

\*\*\* JOHN 6:5-7:

V. 5 - JESUS THEREFORE LIFTING UP HIS EYES, AND SEEING THAT A GREAT MULTITUDE WAS COMING TO HIM, SAID TO WHOM? PHILIP,

“WHERE ARE WE TO BUY BREAD THAT THESE MAY EAT?”

V. 6 - AND THIS HE WAS SAYING TO TEST HIM; FOR HE HIMSELF KNEW WHAT HE WAS INTENDING TO DO.

V. 7 - PHILIP ANSWERED HIM, “TWO HUNDRED DENARII WORTH OF BREAD IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THEM, FOR EVERY ONE TO RECEIVE A LITTLE.”

\*\*\*\* NOW A QUESTION COMES UP AT THIS POINT. WHY DID JESUS SINGLE PHILIP OUT? WELL, IT APPEARS THAT PHILIP WAS IN CHARGE OF THE FOOD, THE APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR, THE LOGISTICS GUY, THE BEAN COUNTER.

5. AND WE KNOW THAT JUDAS ISCARIOT WAS IN CHARGE OF THE MONEY FOR HE HAD THE BAG IN JOHN 13:29, SO IT'S REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT SOMEBODY WAS IN CHARGE OF THE FOOD AND ADMINISTRATION.

\* I MEAN SOMEBODY HAD TO FIGURE OUT HOW MUCH FOOD WAS NEEDED, WHERE IT WOULD BE PURCHASED OR ACQUIRED, AND HOW IT WOULD

BE RATIONED AND DISTRIBUTED AS THEY TRAVELED AROUND AND MINISTERED, FEEDING 13 PEOPLE WOULD BE NO SMALL TASK DAILY IN THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES.

\*\* AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS WAS PHILIP'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. SO THE LORD SAID, PHILIP, HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THE BREAD TO FEED THESE FOLKS?

\*\*\* NOW THE ULTIMATE REASON THAT JESUS ASKED PHILIP THIS WAS TO TEST HIM, NOT TO TEMPT HIM, BUT TO TEST HIS FAITH IN HIS LORD.

\*\*\*\* AND PHILIP FAILS THE TEST, HE OPERATES BY SIGHT AND NOT FAITH, FOR IN V. 7 PHILIP REPLIES TWO HUNDRED DENARII'S WORTH OF BREAD IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR THEM THAT EVERY ONE OF THEM MAY TAKE A LITTLE, PHILIP COULD ONLY SEE THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF THE SITUATION.

6. NOW THE FACT THAT PHILIP GAVE JESUS AN INSTANT ANSWER REINFORCES IN MY MIND THAT PHILIP WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOOD.

\* FOR HE HAD ALREADY ANALYZED IT, FIGURED IT OUT, AND CALCULATED THAT 200 DENARII WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH MONEY TO FEED THE CROWD WHICH EASILY COULD HAVE BEEN 20-25,000 PEOPLE, HE KNEW WHAT IT COST TO FEED 13, HE JUST STARTED MULTIPLYING.

\*\* AND THE FIGURE THAT PHILIP CAME UP WITH WAS PROBABLY A FIGURE THAT HE THOUGHT HE COULD COME UP WITH FROM THE CROWD OR THE AMOUNT THE DISCIPLES HAD AVAILABLE TO SPEND ON FOOD.

\*\*\* AND THE REASON 200 DENARII WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH IS BECAUSE ONE DENARIUS (WHICH WAS A DAY'S WAGE AT THAT TIME) ONLY BOUGHT ACCORDING TO ONE COMMENTATOR I STUDIED, 36 BARLEY BISCUITS, EACH OF WHICH WAS ABOUT THE SIZE OF A HAND, 1 1/2 INCHES THICK.

\*\*\*\* SO, WHEN JESUS ASKED PHILIP HOW THEY WERE GOING TO FEED THE CROWD, WE SEE



THAT HE POSSIBLY HAD ALREADY FIGURED OUT THAT 7,200 BARLEY BISCUITS WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH TO GO AROUND,  $36 \times 200 = 7,200$ .

- AND ON TOP OF THAT, WHERE WOULD THEY FIND THAT MANY BISCUITS AT THAT TIME OF DAY, IT WAS EVENING ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 14:15, ALDI'S WOULD ALREADY BE CLOSED, AND THERE WERE NO MCDONALD'S IN THE AREA.

7. BUT AS WE GO BACK TO THE TEXT, IT'S INTERESTING THAT IT NEVER ENTERED INTO PHILIP'S MIND THAT THE LORD HAD LIMITLESS SUPERNATURAL POWER AND THAT HE COULD DO A CREATIVE MIRACLE.

\* I MEAN THE SUPERNATURAL RESOURCES OF JESUS CHRIST TOTALLY ESCAPED HIS THINKING, HE JUST CALCULATED EVERYTHING OUT. PHILIP WAS ANALYTICAL AND PRAGMATIC.

\*\* HE'S THE KIND OF PERSON WHO WOULD SIT IN

A BOARD MEETING, PUNCH ALL THE FIGURES INTO HIS CALCULATOR AND SAY, "CAN'T DO IT", "IT CAN'T BE DONE", AND SOMETIMES I'M THAT GUY, BUT THERE MUST BE A FAITH BUTTON ON EVERY CALCULATOR.

\*\*\* AND SOMETIMES WE MUST MOVE ON TO FAITH, IF THE LORD IS PROMPTING US TO DO SOMETHING BEYOND WHAT WE CAN SEE. AND THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN FAITH AND FOOLISHNESS, AND WE CAN LAND ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THAT LINE AS WE ARE WALKING AND PROMPTED BY THE LORD. AFTER I WAS SAVED, GIVE TO THE LORD FIRST, \$1.65.

\*\*\*\* WELL, AS WE GO BACK TO PHILIP, CHRIST WAS TRYING TO TEACH PHILIP ABOUT FAITH AND THAT WITH HIM ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

8. AND WHEN THE LORD ASKED PHILIP WHERE THEY WERE GOING TO BUY THE BREAD TO FEED THE CROWD, HE SHOULD HAVE ANSWERED, "LORD YOU TURNED THE WATER INTO WINE AND YOU HEALED A MULTITUDE OF PEOPLE TODAY, YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE FOOD TO FEED THEM.

\* BUT HE DIDN'T, HE NEEDED TO GROW IN HIS FAITH. WHICH LEADS US TO A 3'D TEXT ABOUT PHILIP AND IT'S FOUND IN JOHN 12:20-22.

\*\* READ JOHN 12:20-22:

V. 20 - NOW THERE WERE CERTAIN GREEKS AMONG THOSE WHO WERE GOING UP TO WORSHIP AT THE FEAST.

V. 21 - THESE THEREFORE CAME TO PHILIP, WHO WAS FROM BETHSAIDA OF GALILEE, AND BEGAN TO ASK HIM, SAYING, "SIR, WE WISH TO SEE JESUS."

V. 22 - PHILIP CAME AND TOLD ANDREW; ANDREW AND PHILIP CAME, AND THEY TOLD JESUS.

\*\*\* NOW THESE GREEK DEVOTEES OF JUDAISM HEARD ABOUT CHRIST AND WANTED TO SEE HIM, SO THEY WENT TO PHILIP TO ARRANGE A MEETING. NOW THE REASON THEY WENT TO HIM WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE OF HIS GREEK

NAME.

\*\*\*\* AND ALTHOUGH PHILIP WAS JEWISH, WE'RE NEVER GIVEN HIS JEWISH NAME, ONLY HIS GREEK NAME PHILIP WHICH MEANS "LOVER OF HORSES."

9. SO THESE GREEKS WHO ARE JEWISH PROSELYTES COME TO PHILIP BECAUSE THEY WANT TO SEE JESUS, BUT PHILIP DIDN'T TAKE THEM DIRECTLY TO JESUS, HE WENT TO ANDREW FIRST.

\* IN OTHER WORDS, PHILIP SAID, "NOW YOU GUYS WAIT HERE, I HAVE TO TALK TO ANDREW FIRST. AND IT APPEARS THAT PHILIP HAD TO CHECK FIRST WITH ANDREW TO SEE IF THAT WOULD BE ALL RIGHT.

\*\* NOW WHY? WELL, POSSIBLY PHILIP HAD THE TEMPORARY COMMAND ON HIS MIND TO ONLY GO TO THE LOST SHEEP OF ISRAEL IN MATTHEW

10:6, AND DO NOT GO IN THE WAY OF THE GENTILES OR SAMARITANS, IN MATTHEW 10:5.

\*\*\* NOW WAS THERE SOME NATURAL JEWISH PREJUDICE HERE THAT MADE IT EASY FOR PHILIP TO OBEY THIS COMMAND? SOME SUGGEST THAT.

\*\*\*\* I DON'T KNOW. BUT REALIZE THAT PHILIP KNEW THAT JESUS HEALED THE GENTILE CENTURION'S SERVANT AND ACCEPTED THE HALF-GENTILE SAMARITANS WHO CAME TO HIM FOR SALVATION, BUT WAS UNSURE WHAT TO DO IN THIS SITUATION, HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE PROTOCOL WAS, REMEMBER IT APPEARS HE HAS AN OVER-ANALYTICAL TEMPERAMENT.

10. AND TO ME THIS IS NOT A NEGATIVE CHARACTERISTIC FOR PHILIP, FOR WHEN IN DOUBT MAKE SURE. ASK THE PROPER QUESTIONS. FOR PHILIP DID NOT IGNORE THE GREEKS REQUEST AND EVENTUALLY BROUGHT THOSE GREEKS TO JESUS ALONG WITH ANDREW. PHILIP AND ANDREW CAME AND TOLD JESUS WHICH IMPLIES THAT THEY BOTH

BROUGHT THEM TO JESUS.

\* AND I'M NOT DOWN ON ANYONE WHO WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS RIGHT, RATHER THAN BEING IN DOUBT AND DOING IT ANYWAY AND DOING SOMETHING THAT IS WRONG THAT SEARS YOUR CONSCIENCE.

\*\* TO ME PHILIP JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE, AND I DON'T THINK RACIAL PREJUDICE WAS THE ISSUE. WHICH LEADS US TO A FOURTH AND FINAL PASSAGE ABOUT PHILIP, WHICH IS JOHN 14:8-11, WHICH SAYS:

\*\*\* READ JOHN 14:8-11:

V. 8 - PHILIP SAID TO HIM, "LORD, SHOW US THE FATHER, AND IT IS ENOUGH FOR US."

V. 9 - JESUS SAID TO HIM, "HAVE I BEEN SO LONG WITH YOU, AND YET YOU HAVE NOT COME TO KNOW ME, PHILIP? HE WHO HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER; HOW DO YOU SAY, "SHOW US THE FATHER?"

V. 10 - "DO YOU NOT BELIEVE THAT I AM IN THE FATHER, AND THE FATHER IS IN ME? THE WORDS THAT I SAY TO YOU I DO NOT SPEAK ON MY OWN INITIATIVE, BUT THE FATHER ABIDING IN ME DOES HIS WORKS."

V. 11 - "BELIEVE ME THAT I AM IN THE FATHER, AND THE FATHER IN ME; OTHERWISE BELIEVE ON ACCOUNT OF THE WORKS THEMSELVES."

\*\*\*\* NOW THE SETTING IN JOHN 14 IS THE UPPER ROOM ON THE NIGHT OF THE FINAL PASSOVER SUPPER. AND JESUS WAS GIVING HIS DISCIPLES FINAL INSTRUCTIONS AND OPENING HIS HEART TO THEM SINCE HE KNEW THAT HE WAS ABOUT TO BE BETRAYED, ARRESTED AND CRUCIFIED. EVERYTHING WAS COMING TO AN END.

11. NOW IN V. 8, PHILIP ENTERS THE NARRATIVE AND SAYS, "LORD SHOW US THE FATHER AND IT IS ENOUGH FOR US."

\* NOW THAT HAD TO HURT JESUS. FOR JESUS HAD SPENT 3 YEARS WITH PHILIP AND YET PHILIP DIDN'T GET IT!

\*\* AFTER 3 YEARS OF LEARNING AT JESUS' FEET, PHILIP'S SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION OF WHO CHRIST WAS, WAS NOT CLEAR. PHILIP GAZED INTO THE VERY FACE OF GOD FOR 3 YEARS, AND IT STILL WAS NOT CLEAR TO HIM WHO JESUS WAS.

\*\*\* I MEAN NEITHER JESUS' WORDS NOR HIS WORKS HAD BROUGHT PHILIP TO THE UNDERSTANDING THAT JESUS AND HIS FATHER WERE ONE, JOHN 10:30 (QUOTE IT).

\*\*\*\* SO AFTER GAZING FOR 3 YEARS INTO THE ONLY FACE OF GOD MEN WILL EVER SEE IN THIS LIFE, HE STILL DID NOT COMPREHEND WHO HE WAS SEEING.

12. HE HAD MISSED THE MAIN TRUTH OF JESUS' TEACHING, THAT HE WAS GOD INCARNATE, THAT



DIDN'T REGISTER AT THAT POINT ALTHOUGH HE HAD BEEN TAUGHT THAT AND HAD EARLIER REALIZED IT WAS TRUE WHEN HE WAS CONVERTED – THAT JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH.

\* FOR SOME REASON WHEN THE TRUTH THAT JESUS WAS GOING TO LEAVE HIM HIT HIM, HE DISCONNECTED OTHER TRUTH. HIS FAITH WAS WEAK AND IT APPEARS THAT HE GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND EMOTIONS OF THE MOMENT.

\*\* I MEAN PHILIP KNEW AND BELIEVED THAT JESUS WAS THE MESSIAH. WHY DIDN'T IT CONNECT AT THIS POINT.

\*\*\* I SUBMIT TO YOU THAT EMOTIONS TOOK OVER AND SET ASIDE TRUTH. AND IT'S EASY TO FALL INTO THAT TRAP. BUT TRUTH SHOULD BE THE ANCHOR OF OUR SOUL AT ALL TIMES.

\*\*\*\* AND DON'T TRUST YOUR FEELINGS. THINK OF TRUTH, THINK OF WHAT IS TRUE, NOT WHAT MIGHT BE OR MAYBE, BUT WHAT IS! AND STAND UPON THOSE TRUTHS TO HELP YOU TRUST GOD IN THE MOST DIFFICULT OF TIMES.

IN SUMMARY: (1) PHILIP WAS A MAN WHO LACKED FAITH AT TIMES. HE ALLOWED SIGHT, HUMAN LOGIC AND THEN EMOTIONS TO BE IN CONTROL.

\* AND IF WE WERE INTERVIEWING PHILIP FOR THE JOB TO BE AN APOSTLE, WE WOULD PROBABLY SAY, NOT HIM, YOU CAN'T MAKE HIM ONE OF THE 12 MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

\*\* BUT HE WAS ONE WHO BROUGHT PEOPLE TO JESUS, LIKE BARTHOLOMEW AND THE GREEKS. AND HE WOULD BE USED BY THE LORD AS AN APOSTLE, AS ONE WHO WOULD BE A PART OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH, JESUS WOULD SAY, HE'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR, FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.

\*\* AND IN SPITE OF HIS FAILURES, GOD USED HIM AND EMPOWERED HIM, AS HE'LL USE US IF WE AVAIL OURSELVES TO HIM.

\*\*\* FOR BELOVED, THE BOTTOM LINE IS NONE OF

US ARE ALL THAT WE OUGHT TO BE. GOD USES BLEMISHED, CHIPPED, MARRED VESSELS, CLAY POTS.

\*\*\*\* AND WE ARE THOSE \$20 VIOLINS, BUT IN THE MASTER'S HAND, WE CAN BE USED TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR THE LORD.

\*\*\*\*\* NOW IN THE END AND IN CLOSING TRADITION TELLS US THAT PHILIP WOUND UP DYING AS A MARTYR BECAUSE HE WOULDN'T DENY CHRIST.

\*\*\*\*\* TRADITION STATES PHILIP WAS STRIPPED NAKED, HUNG UPSIDE DOWN BY HIS FEET, AND PIERCED IN HIS ANKLES AND THIGHS SO THAT HE WOULD SLOWLY BLEED TO DEATH.

(2) HE HAD ONLY ONE REQUEST: THAT HIS DEAD BODY WOULD NOT BE WRAPPED IN LINEN LIKE THE BODY OF HIS LORD - BECAUSE HE WASN'T WORTHY OF THAT.

\* AND YOU KNOW WHAT? NONE OF US ARE WORTHY OF GOD'S GRACE, BUT WE THAT HAVE

BEEN SAVED BY IT, LET US BE VESSELS OF HONOR FOR OUR LORD, QUOTE II TIMOTHY 2:19-21 AND CLOSE.

\*\* LASTLY HOW DOES ONE COME TO CHRIST? WELL, IF YOU SEE YOUR SIN, YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO REPENT AND TURN TO CHRIST, GOD IS DOING A WORK WITHIN YOU, COME TO HIM TODAY. QUOTE JOHN 6:37, MATTHEW 11:28-30 AND ROMANS 10:13 AND PRAY.